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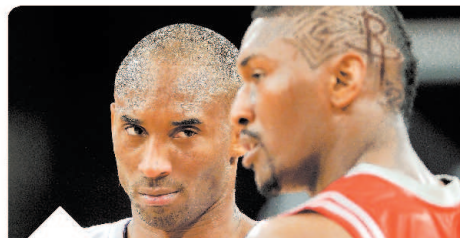
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MONDAY'S WINNER: "We may have won the series, Ron Artest. But I would trade it all for a haircut as sweet as yours." — Ryan



78 57

TODAY'S FORECAST

B-e-a-utifull! Partly cloudy and pleasant.



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No, that is not a typo



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Cooler, but still nice



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Cooler, partly cloudy



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Some clouds, nice

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REDEYE'S QUICK LOOK AT SOME OF THE BIGGEST TALKERS OF THE DAY, NUMERICALLY SPEAKING



4.7 Shaken and stirred

Magnitude of the moderate earthquake that jolted a large portion of southern California was felt by millions and sent at least one person to a hospital, but the region was spared significant damage. At least 10 aftershocks were recorded Monday.

We'll buy your car

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Britain on Monday began offering cash incentives to new car buyers who scrap their old model, a program that has already proven very popular in other parts of Europe. The government and car manufacturers are sharing the cost of a \$3,000 discount for roadworthy trade-ins.



Later, Hubble

5 Spacewalking astronauts ventured out Monday to finish repairs on the Hubble Space Telescope, which will never be touched by human hands again. It was the fifth and final spacewalk for the crew of shuttle Atlantis.



Byrd flying high

91 At 91, he's the longest-serving senator in history, but Sen. Robert Byrd (D-WV.) is expected to recover after being hospitalized Friday with a minor infection, his office announced Monday.



\$500,000

Super sale

As an 8-year-old kid, Ralph Chicorel was careful with the comic books he faithfully bought for 10 cents at a Detroit drugstore. Now his diligence will likely pay off when the 110 or so comics he collected go up for auction, an offering that's expected to bring in about \$500,000.

76

Swine flu worsens

As of Monday, 76 people have died worldwide as a result of swine flu, according to the World Health Organization.

Freeing mom

54 Susan LeFevre, a 54-year-old mother of three captured in California last year after more than three decades running from the law, will be released Tuesday from a prison in Pittsfield Township, Mich. She escaped from a Detroit-area prison in 1976 while serving time for a drug crime.

Drew Peterson waits

Bail issue delayed after request to remove judge



Peterson

Staff and wire reports

Drew Peterson will remain jailed on \$20 million bond until at least Thursday after a prosecution request to remove the judge handling his murder case derailed plans for defense attorneys to ask for a bail reduction.

Defense attorney Joel Brodsky entered a not guilty plea on Peterson's behalf as his client stood silently in court Monday, wearing a blue jail jumpsuit and shackles.

Prosecutors then asked that Judge Richard Schoenstedt be removed from Peterson's case, asserting that the judge was prejudiced against them. Brodsky is challenging that move, and Will County Chief Judge Gerald Kinney is slated to hold a hearing on the issue Thursday.

Schoenstedt last year dismissed two unlawful use of a weapon charges against Peterson after the state's attorney's office refused to give Peterson's legal team internal police memos, e-mails and other correspondence relating to his arrest in May.

Peterson was charged with allegedly possessing a modified assault rifle with a barrel of less than 16 inches, a violation of state law. Authorities had seized the rifle and other weapons after search warrants had been executed relating to the Oct. 28, 2007, disappearance of his fourth wife, Stacy Peterson.

Peterson has been in custody since his arrest on first-degree murder charges on May 7 in the 2004 death of his third wife, Kathleen Savio.

Brodsky has said he will move to get Peterson's bail reduced to somewhere between \$100,000 and \$500,000. He asserts Peterson isn't a flight risk, saying that if he was going to flee, he would have done so long ago. Monday's motion by the prosecution for a new judge delayed consideration of the bail issue.

Savio was found drowned in an empty bathtub in her Bolingbrook home five years ago. Her death was ruled accidental, but prosecutors reopened the case following Stacy's disappearance. Peterson has denied any involvement in Stacy's disappearance and has not been charged in that case.

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Great CTA service? Yes, it's out there

It's easy to see why Art Vaisvilas of Lakeview enjoys commuting from the Addison Brown Line stop.

Vaisvilas wrote to "Going Public" last week to commend CTA customer assistant Janet Martin for helping him when he had a problem purchasing a pass at the Addison stop.

"You cannot miss [Janet]," Vaisvilas wrote. "She always has the biggest smile for each and every person she greets every morning. I've never seen her frown. She always has a good word for others."

When "Going Public" caught up with Martin, she was helping visitors buy fare cards. As she spoke with "Going Public," she waved to riders and offered them a booming "Good morning, honey."

Martin, 49, said she's worked for the CTA for 14 years and on the Brown Line for eight years. She assists customers at the Addison stop from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday and at the Chicago Brown Line stop from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In between her shifts, she is training for her first half-marathon in August, which "prepares me for everything"—even CTA rush hours.

"I love my job," she said. "I speak to everybody that goes through."

Here are some other CTA worker compliments, complaints and criticisms.

Shiny, happy people

I am a frequent rider on CTA, Metra and Pace and have yet to meet a rude employee. I usually greet them with a hello, thank them for the ride and wish them a good day. They are transportation professionals deserving common courtesy and respect. Put another way, follow the "Golden Rule"—treat others the way you would like to be treated.

Works almost every time. —JOSEPH DIJOHN, 65, INVERNESS

Aggravation station

It's understandable that the CTA is having financial issues but everyone else is too. The CTA has some rude employees, the trains are always delayed and the buses take forever to arrive. Their Web site for bus tracking doesn't work so well either. CTA is just aggravating many people. —STEFFANIE GONZALEZ, 18, CICERO

CTA employees: Take it

How many and what's the percentage of total CTA staff—bus drivers, train operators/workers, office, corporate, management, operations, etc., who actually ride/depend on CTA to get to and from their CTA job? I have long suspected that if any of them DID have to rely on it, if they had to depend on their co-workers' reliability and diligence, an epiphany would occur and suddenly, service would improve dramatically! What a concept! Until those who directly provide the service are directly affected by it, the rest of us will continue to suffer because those providers have no vested interest. They'll continue to collect their paycheck and a pension regardless. —DEENA BOGAN, 53, WEST LOOP

RIDERS' BLOCK

My pledge to ride every CTA bus line continues. I rode the No. 146-Inner Drive/Michigan Express last week and boiled my review down to 140 characters, the size of a Twitter tweet.

@tracyswartz

Berwyn Red Line to Adler Planetarium, 56 mins. Exp. from Belmont to Mag Mile. Scenic views of L. Park, bustle on State St., Museum Campus.

Next up: The No. 50 Damen bus.



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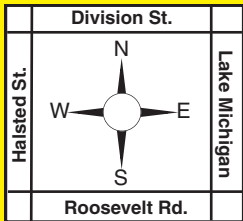
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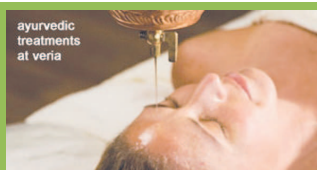
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Sweet life in Skokie

Candy tester Knechtel helps perfect popular sugary snacks

By Leonor Vivanco
REDEYE

What a sweet job it would be to experiment with ingredients like chocolate, nuts, sugar and marshmallows to create the next candy craze—and then eat what is made.

Bob Boutin has that job. He is president of Skokie's Knechtel, a confectionery consultant. The 30,000-square-foot candy laboratory is filled with pans and heating and mixing machines Boutin calls "toys." Gizmos to shape and make jelly beans, gummy bears, chewing gum and chocolate are abundant.

Candy companies come to Knechtel, founded in 1956, to get help in making samples and figuring out whether components will mix well—and, most importantly, whether they'll taste good together. "If it doesn't taste good, it's not going to sell," said Boutin, who has worked at the company for 25 years.

About 30 candy products the company has worked on recently will be among the more than 2,000 new sweets and savory snacks debuting at the National Confectioners Association's 13th annual All Candy Expo. The trade show runs Tuesday through Thursday at McCormick Place.

Candy seems to be hitting the sweet spot in a sour economy. The confectionery industry has grown 3.7 percent for the 52-week period ending April 19, according to the NCA.

Meanwhile, Knechtel has been on a health kick, as are shoppers. "Our consumers are becoming very knowledgeable and very in tune to what they're eating. They read labels now whereas they didn't so much in the past. They're more cognizant of calo-



Knechtel President Bob Boutin explains how the company still utilizes drop frame rollers from the 1930s and '40s for candy development. Candy makers come to Knechtel to get help in figuring out whether components taste good together. **MICHAEL JARECKI FOR REDEYE**

ries and artificial ingredients," Boutin said.

The company's nearly two dozen employees have been in the lab tinkering with using natural food coloring on an M&M-like chocolate candy, and an extract of stevia, a natural and calorie-free sweetener, to make hard candy.

In the test kitchen, Boutin showed off samples of a chocolate bar made with caramel and whey, an orange fruit bar with one side coated in yogurt, and a trail mix bar for Northbrook-based Salus Foods. The company also helped create a peach and almond breakfast bar for Rosemont's Dairy Management, Boutin said.

Companies, including major candy makers Boutin won't name, hire Knechtel as a consultant, sign confidentiality agreements and get the patent on the recipe Knechtel helps hatch.

Employees also spend time whipping up their own concoctions, like fizzing hard candy and lollipops.

Boutin counts \$5 million to \$6 million worth of candy formulas the company has spent its own time and money on to create but hasn't decided whether to sell them.

CANDY-RIFIC

Here are some of the more than 2,000 new products to be featured at this week's All Candy Expo at McCormick Place.

- » Coconut M&M's Chocolate Candy
- » Nestle Cranberry Raisinets
- » Reese's Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Cups
- » Jelly Belly Barbados Cherry and Acai Berry
- » Twizzlers Sweet & Sour Filled Twists
- » Tic Tac Melon Mango

One recipe is HK-25, a crunchy chocolate and toffee candy bar named after founder Herb Knechtel, who, Boutin said, worked on the candy bar for 25 years.

While other creations may not taste as good as the HK-25 bar, the job comes with one sweet perk.

"You can eat your mistakes," Boutin said.

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Sticker shock: They're changing

Chicago drivers will have their residential permit parking sticker combined with their regular city sticker under changes that officials said will help clear windshields, make the application process quicker and save the city money. Next week, more than 1.3 million vehicle renewal notices will be sent to remind drivers they need to renew their city stickers, which expire on June 30. Prices are \$75 for a car and \$120 for an SUV or truck.



Woman falls on tracks

Forest Park-bound Blue Line trains experienced "major" delays Monday afternoon near the Chicago station because a woman fell on the tracks. The woman was taken to a hospital in critical condition, officials said. CTA spokeswoman Katelyn Thrall said the woman did not appear to have touched the third rail.



THE DIGIT

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The price for regular-grade gas in Chicago, the city with the highest gasoline prices in the nation, according to the latest Lundberg Survey.

1 Student shoots himself

A Louisiana middle school student who stormed into a classroom Monday and fired a gunshot over a teacher's head, then shot himself in a bathroom had detailed plans for a rampage and suicide note, authorities said.

2 Bill Clinton a special envoy

Former President Bill Clinton will be named special UN envoy to Haiti, which has been mired in political and social turmoil for decades, his spokesman said Monday.

3 Cleaning emergency

An Ohio man who argued with his grown son over a messy bedroom says he overreacted when he called 911. Andrew Mizesak called authorities Thursday after his 28-year-old son—who's a school board member in Bedford—threw a plate of food across the kitchen table.

4 That's it. No sex

A sex theme park that featured explicit exhibits of genitalia and sexual culture is being demolished before it can even open, a government spokesman in Chongqing, China, said Monday.

5 Bodybuilders out

The Belgian bodybuilding championship in Brussels has been canceled after doping officials showed up and all the competitors fled. "I have never seen anything like it and hope never to see anything like it again," doping official Hans Cooman said Monday.



A call for change

6 MANILA A Filipino activist shouts slogans as they hold a rally near the gates of the Malacanang Presidential Palace Monday. The farmers group is calling on President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to certify the "Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill" that would give free land to tenants and farm workers. **AP**



2 years to turn tide in Afghanistan?

7 WASHINGTON The nation's top military officer said Monday he hopes additional forces and new tactics can help the U.S. turn a discouraging tide in Afghanistan where civilian deaths blamed on inaccurate or overzealous U.S. attacks have undermined the American effort.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, warned of more violence and more U.S. deaths. He said the repeated deaths of Afghan civilians linked to U.S. attacks will cripple President Obama's revamped strategy for the seven-year-old war.

"I believe that each time we do that, we put our strategy in jeopardy," Mullen said. "We cannot succeed ... in Afghanistan by killing Afghan civilians."

The chairman said he was hopeful that "in the next 12 to 24 months, that we can stem the trends which have been going very badly in Afghanistan the last three years."

Speaking at the Brookings Institution, Mullen said it will take that long to make full use of an extra 21,000 forces now moving into the country. He said he is encouraged that the first units arriving this spring seem to be off to a fast start.

"I would look to 2009 and 2010 to be incredibly important years in Afghanistan," Mullen said. "The violence level is up, the Taliban is much better organized than they were before."



Mullen

NUCLEAR DISPUTE

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NHL playoffs

WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

Mutual friends

Detroit, Chicago share claim to some of cities' biggest stars

Chicago Tribune

If Red Wings veteran Dan Cleary looked kinda familiar when he scored two goals against the Blackhawks in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals on Sunday, that's because he used to be a member of the Blackhawks. The winger was a first-round draft pick by the Hawks in 1997, but he lasted only two seasons before he was traded to the Edmonton Oilers. Cleary isn't the only professional athlete or coach Chicago has shared with Detroit over the years. Here are some notables. **REDEYE CONTRIBUTED**

NHL PLAYOFFS Game 2: Blackhawks at Detroit

6:30 p.m. Tuesday
Versus
Detroit leads
series 1-0

Dennis Rodman



IN CHICAGO ☒ IN DETROIT ☐

The Worm won two NBA titles with the Pistons (1986-93), but his career peaked in Chicago doing the dirty work for Michael Jordan's second three-peat from 1996-98.

» **Better in ...** Chicago.

Dick Jaaron



IN CHICAGO ☐ IN DETROIT ☐

The Bills head coach and ex-Lions safety (1973-77) coached the Bears from 1999-2003 before heading back to Detroit to coach the Lions defense after being fired in Chicago.

» **Better in ...** Buffalo.

Chris Chelios



IN CHICAGO ☐ IN DETROIT ☒

"Cheli" grew up on the South Side, attended Mt. Carmel, dreamed of playing for the Blackhawks and did so for his hometown team from 1990-99 before being traded to the Wings.

» **Better in ...** Personally in Chicago but professionally in Detroit, where he has won two Cups—and counting.

Magglio Ordonez



IN CHICAGO ☒ IN DETROIT ☐

A steady right fielder for eight seasons for the Sox (1997-2004), he always will be "Mags" on the South Side, even if he has been a Tiger since '05.

» **Better in ...** Slightly in Chicago, where he was a four-time All-Star.

Dan Cleary



IN CHICAGO ☐ IN DETROIT ☒

The Blackhawks' first-round pick in 1997 never found his niche here, but the winger has hit his stride in Detroit, where he was the hero of Game 1 with two goals.

» **Better in ...** Detroit.

Isiah Thomas

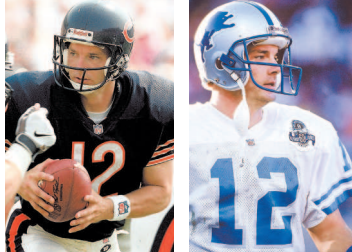
The pride of the West Side and St. Joseph High in Westchester grew up to be the face of the "Bad Boy" Pistons during the late 1980s.

» **Better in ...** Detroit.



IN DETROIT ☒

Erik Kramer



IN CHICAGO ☒ IN DETROIT ☐

Before coming to the Bears from 1994-98 to set records that still stand, the quarterback started on and off for the Lions from 1991-93.

» **Better in ...** Chicago.

Ken Williams



IN CHICAGO ☒

It was a forgettable season-and-a-half in Detroit playing third base and center field for the Tigers (1989-90), but maybe the Sox general manager's failures there helped convince him his future was in the front office.

» **Better in ...** Chicago.

Rod Marinelli



IN CHICAGO ☐ IN DETROIT ☐

The former Lions head coach (2006-08) had a memorable career in Detroit for all the wrong reasons, such as going winless last season. Now he will try to fix the Bears' defensive line as the position group's new coach.

» **Better in ...** Ask in October.

On fire

Q101's Alex Quigley (7 to 10 p.m. weekdays) loves the Blackhawks—and apparently not Detroit.



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1 Predict the hero of Game 2 in the Blackhawks-Red Wings series.	Patrick Sharp. He's due.	Havlat. No way the Wings can say, "We've Got You Under Our Wing."	Michael Cera from "Superbad." Er, I mean Patrick Kane.	Chelly trades jerseys at second intermission; Detroit burns to the ground.	The cotton candy man.
2 Joe Louis Arena vs. the United Center. Discuss.	Neither. Chicago Stadium. End of discussion.	Based on the men's bathroom line, the UC also should be named for "The Brown Bomber."	At one arena, fans throw octopi on the ice. At the other, fans throw Red Wings fans.	UC will be much nicer once Detroit burns to the ground.	They'd need to play in a REALLY big stadium.
3 How are you preparing for the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday?	I'm doing shots of Danica Patrick's breast milk.	Watching Jimmy set a new lap record. F-1, Jimmy, or F-2?	By making car noises in my office chair and spilling milk on myself, same as the last 27 years.	Building 1/1,000 scale model of Detroit and burning it to the ground.	I'm sending love poems to Danica Patrick.
4 What do you make of Michael Phelps' new "windmill" freestyle stroke?	Great, if that's what it takes for him to swim and do bongos at the same time.	Michael Phelps stars as Don Quixote de La Munchies.	Is that the one where he swims or loads the bowl?	Um ... will it help Detroit burn to the ground faster?	The windmill is my favorite hole in mini golf!
5 Can the Cavaliers be stopped in the NBA playoffs?	Yes. All it takes is a remote control, and I use mine with a ninja's expertise.	Branding typically slows Cavs, but LeBron James is a weaner.	It will take an act of nature, and that act of nature is Hedo Turkoglu's armpit hair.	Nope. Lake Erie provides a natural firebreak.	Do you know what LeBron means in French? The Bron.

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MLB



White Sox vs. Minnesota

7 p.m. CSN

If the Sox can't get hyped for the Twins, well then ... I don't know what.



Cubs at St. Louis

7:05 p.m. WGN

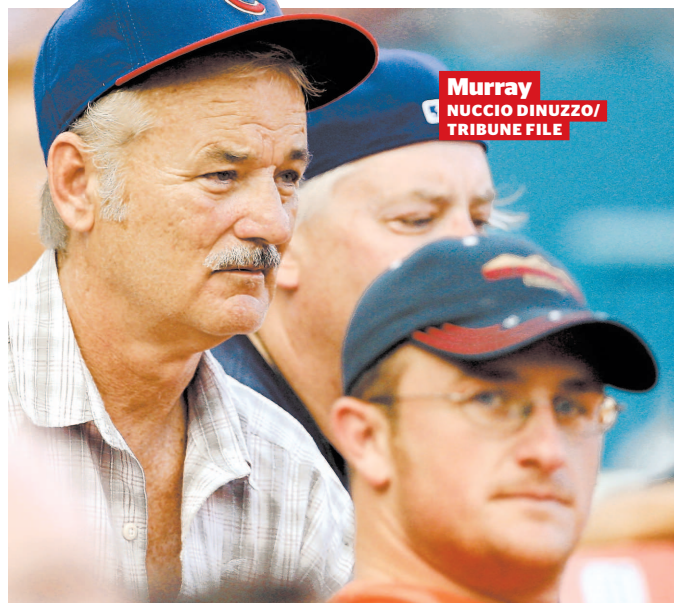
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NBA PLAYOFFS

Game 1: Denver at L.A. Lakers

8 p.m. ESPN

The Nuggets are rested, but are they ready?



Murray
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Is Cubs bidder courting celebs?

Chicago Tribune

Bill Murray's lifelong love affair with the Chicago Cubs may turn into something more.

The actor and Wilmette native has met with Tom Ricketts, who is negotiating to buy the Cubs from Chicago Tribune parent Tribune Co., about investing in his favorite baseball team, multiple sources said.

As talks with Tribune Co. grind on, Ricketts, an investment banker who lives in Wilmette, has held separate discussions with a handful of celebrities to raise money from them and other wealthy Cubs fans willing to pony up as much as \$25 million. In addition to Murray, he's met with Jim Belushi and John Cusack, said two sources familiar with Ricketts' proposal. The meetings took place several weeks ago, and sources were not sure if the talks had advanced. Representatives for Murray and Cusack did not respond to requests for comment. Belushi's publicist declined to comment.

Ricketts, the son of the founder of TD Ameritrade Holding Corp. who is leading his family's pursuit of the Cubs, has been trying to raise capital from private investors, but the fundraising is not critical to reaching a deal with Tribune Co., sources said.

Banks have agreed to lend the family \$450 million to help finance its purchase of the Cubs, Wrigley Field and a 25 percent stake in cable's Comcast SportsNet Chicago, sources said. The family also has raised \$400 million by selling some of its shares in TD Ameritrade, an online brokerage.

TORONTO 3, WHITE SOX 2

» Jim Thome hit a game-tying home run Monday that moved him into a tie for 13th on the all-time list with Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt, but the Sox fell 3-2 at Toronto. Thome now has 548 homers.

» The Denver Nuggets and WWE are negotiating which group gets to use the Pepsi Center in Denver on Monday after the league scheduled Game 4 of the Western Conference finals for the same night as a previously booked Monday Night Raw event.

» Jon Gruden replaces Tony Kornheiser in "Monday Night Football" booth

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8 new bars

The latest boom of bars stretches from Andersonville to Bronzeville

By Lisa Arnett

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The (mini-) Countdown

THE LATEST ETA ON COMING-SOON SPOTS

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Roof

Firepits, fireplaces and fancy cocktails on the roof of The Wit hotel

JUNE 1

Clutch

Garage doors open up to a triangular patio at this West Town spot.

MID-JUNE

Cedar Hotel

A summertime-only spot preparing to pep up the Gold Coast al fresco scene

MID-JUNE

The Red Canary

Antique-inspired lounge in the former Avenue M space

The Rocking Horse

Beer, fries and funky brunch in Logan Square

Check out the full version of The Countdown on metromix.com.

OPENING THIS WEEK

Rootstock Wine & Beer Bar

954 N. CALIFORNIA AVE. 773-292-1616
This cozy, 50-seat Humboldt Park bar filled with secondhand furniture and local artwork opens for trials this week. We're psyched for a menu of bar bites courtesy of Hot Chocolate's Mark Steuer, plus a cheese and charcuterie program run by Remy Ayesh, formerly of Spiaggia, and a wine and beer roster designed by the owners—three former staffers of Webster's Wine Bar—and their industry pals.

Theatro

858 W. LAKE ST. 312-455-8345
Ready your highest heels and slickest suit jackets for this black and gold-hued West Loop lounge, which debuts Friday in the former Reserve space (and was formerly known as Veil in the months before opening). The idea is to keep guests guessing with surprise entertainment every evening, from video projections to fog-engulfed dancers.

Tilted Kilt

17 N. WABASH ST. 312-269-5580
If you just go to Hooters for the wings, you'll

just come here for the Guinness. At this Loop pub, aiming to open Thursday, waitresses serve pub grub with a side of abs in "Hit Me Baby One More Time" get-ups, drinks go by names such as Irish Itch and Dirty Leprechaun, and the menu is punctuated by dirty limericks. All this is perhaps best justified by the fact that the franchise's first location was conceived for the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas.

The Shrine

2109 S. WABASH AVE. 312-753-5700
This South Loop club-lounge combo boasting "Africa meets James Bond" decor opens Friday in the former Chicago Legends space. On one side, find a DJ-driven dance club with a stage ready to host local and national music acts; on the other side, expect a lounge for cocktail-sipping on weeknights and VIP treatment throughout the weekend.

VLive

2047 N. MILWAUKEE AVE. 773-489-5483
Located above Fuego in Logan Square, this nightclub and live music venue opens to the public at 11 p.m. Friday with DJ Kevin Scott spinning, followed by three-man remix crew Discotech on Saturday.



The Rockhouse
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The Rockhouse

2624 N. LINCOLN AVE. 773-871-0205
The latest on the rock-bar bandwagon, the former Deja Vu space now sports tattoo-style artwork and a stage to host rock acts on weekends. A morbid cocktail menu featuring drinks named after dead rock stars, from Jimi Hendrix to Kurt Cobain, will debut next month.

Swagger Lounge

5048 S. PRAIRIE AVE.
A neon-green palm tree marks the entrance of this Bronzeville bar, where bright purple and turquoise hues, glowing cube-shaped

tables and funky lighting project plenty of personality. Different promoters give each night a slightly different flavor, from jazz Sundays to house Fridays to lesbian night on Saturdays.

Cattle Call

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By Rebecca Palmore
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Cher's birthday celebration

Kit Kat Lounge, 3700 N. Halsted St. 773-525-1111.

The legendary chanteuse, turning 63 on Wednesday, won't be at the party, but Cher impersonator Regina Upright will play the part with a greatest hits tribute (7:30 p.m.). Includes half-price cocktails. 5:30 p.m. No cover.

thu 21 Bio-Fuel and Microbrew

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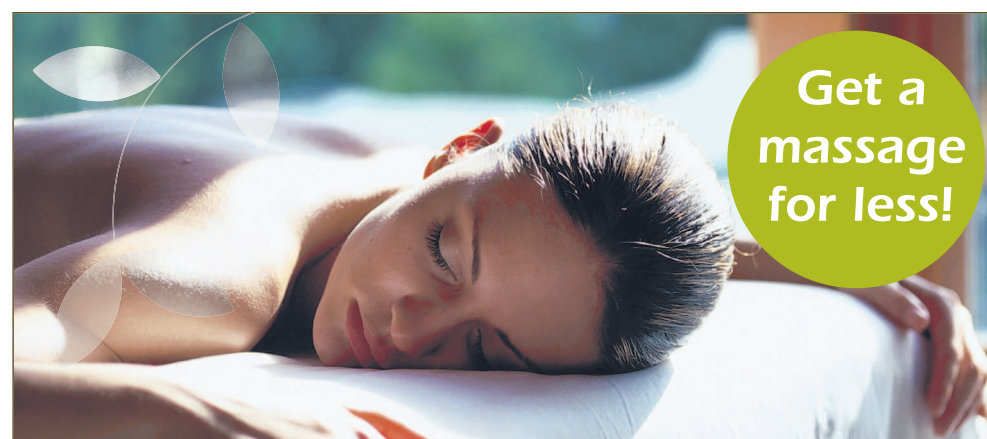
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Shady's sales

Eminem, second to only Tupac Shakur on the list of all-time best-selling rappers, was one of the last artists to earn monster sales before the record industry collapsed mid-decade. **DETROIT NEWS**

10.17M

'The Marshall Mathers LP' (2000)

9.76M

'The Eminem Show' (2002)

5.16M

'The Slim Shady LP' (1999)

5.13M

'Encore' (2004)

4.74M

'8 Mile' soundtrack (2003)

2.96M

'Curtain Call: The Hits' (2005)

1.09M

'Eminem Presents: The Re-Up' (2006)



EMINEM

STILL A SUPERSTAR?

Rapper hopes to hit top of charts again with new CD

Detroit News

"Guess who," Eminem greets listeners during the intro to "We Made You," the debut single from his first album in nearly 4 1/2 years. "Did you miss me?"

We'll get the answer to that question Tuesday, when "Relapse" finally hits store shelves.

So far signs point to yes, as the Detroit rapper puts on a full-scale media blitz to rev up interest in his long-awaited comeback. Despite his time away from the limelight, Eminem still ranks as one of music's biggest artists, but some question if his time off has caused his relevancy to lapse.

"A lot of people are wondering, commercially, is he going to perform like he has in the past?" says Eskay, the one-named founder of influential hip-hop blog **nahright.com**. "I think how this album does is going to go a long way toward determining whether or not that 'superstar' label is going to stick."

It won't be easy. Not only have music sales eroded with the Internet and with downloading, but hip-hop stars such as Lil Wayne and Kanye West release new material on a near-constant basis, flooding the market with songs and giving them away for free.

Warren Griffin of the Urban Network, a hip-hop industry magazine, predicts "Relapse" will sell 600,000 to 750,000 copies its debut week.

"Eminem is most definitely still relevant," Griffin says. "Just because there hasn't been new product doesn't mean people haven't kept listening to the old product. He still has a big place in the market."

Still, Eminem finds himself at an interesting cross-

roads: He's a superstar in a non-superstar era.

Adding to the challenge, the 36-year-old is coming off a rocky couple of years that saw him check into rehab for drug addiction, remarry and quickly divorce his ex-wife, Kim Scott, and suffer the shooting death of his best friend, Deshaun "Proof" Holton.

Following these incidents, Em retreated even further from the spotlight he had begun to shun. Though he released "Eminem Presents: The Re-Up," in late 2006, he largely ceded the mike to his Shady Records labelmates. In the years since, with his career at a near-standstill, he was dogged by rumors of ballooning weight and drug problems, and during the holidays in 2007, he was rushed to the hospital after what was reported as a bout with pneumonia but he has since admitted was a near-fatal drug overdose.

Then in October, all of a sudden Eminem was—as he has rapped many times before—back, back again. He re-emerged with his memoir, "The Way I Am," and announced a new album was imminent. And since last month, he's been everywhere: He appeared in a video tribute to Detroit during CBS' Final Four coverage; he inducted Run DMC into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; he's been on magazine covers, "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and Fox's Animation Domination lineup Sunday; and he released a pair of music videos, for "We Made You" and "3 a.m."

If you missed him before, you don't anymore.

Still, it's likely Eminem misses the music world of a few years ago. Illegal leaks of albums had dogged him before, but they weren't nearly as persistent as they are today, when just about every album hits the Internet before its official release. "Relapse" hit the Internet in its entirety May 7, nearly two weeks before its official release date.



What they're saying

Critics are divided over Eminem's new release, "Relapse," which

drops Tuesday. Here's what some have said.

"There are a few genuinely chilling moments, a few shots of dark humor and a lot of trolling through one of the most disturbing imaginations in popular entertainment." **GREG KOT, TRIBUNE** ★★☆☆

"In 'Beautiful,' he talks about giving up on rap ... maybe the time has come." **GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY** ★★☆☆

"After a long absence from music, 'Relapse' is a positive step forward in Eminem's career rehab." **ADAM GRAHAM, DETROIT NEWS** ★★☆☆

In some ways, he's adapted well to the new world: A viral Web site tied to "Relapse" got people buzzing about the new album, and the Twitter feed that bears his name and photo has amassed more than 80,000 followers as of Monday.

On the other hand, critical reaction to "Relapse" has been mixed. Rolling Stone and Entertainment Weekly both weighed in with glowing reviews, the former granting the album four out of five stars and the latter grading it an A-, while the pop music critics at Chicago's two daily newspapers both eviscerated the album with 1-star reviews.

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Twitter rap

We asked RedEye's Twitter followers to tell us if they're excited or bored by Eminem's return. Here's what they had to say. Rhyme with RedEye, yo, at twitter.com/redeyechicago. **COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG.**

@NickGorski I'm discouraged by Em's lame celebrity-baiting on "We Made You," but still hoping that Dr. Dre's beats can rescue the album.

@matthogan925 SO BORED...I thought he went away for good, I hope his return is about as successful as Jessica Simpson's country career

@amykchulik "Crack A Bottle" makes me want to stay far away from anything resembling a "dance floor." I miss angry Eminem.

@Lancebowski Re: Eminem - done. Rap is dead. The next big thing will be kids playing instruments and writing songs (gasp!).



@joem500: Eminem's new album is perfect timing, just as MOST of his fans drop out of high school, realizing they won't graduate!

@ChiCityAnimated I'm actually excited about his return since he dropped '3 AM'. Hope he does well

@kimbean_ Over him. He's just jealous about all the news Mo-Town is getting over the Red Wings and economy.

@ErnestWilkins 1998 Me is already in line. 2009 Me fell asleep on the couch. Wait, what was the question?

@diamondg83 I am neither excited or bored by Eminem's return...I'm a little intrigued...that is all.

@chicityrunner I'm bored, he sounds like the same artist the 16 year old me loved... grow up as an artist as your fans have grown up.

Let's play the feud

Eminem fires shots at high-profile targets on several "Relapse" songs, including Lindsay Lohan ("Same Song and Dance" and "We Made You"), Christopher Reeve ("Medicine Ball") and his mother ("My Mom"). But his attack of Mariah Carey has earned the most attention, thanks to her hubby's responses. How does the Nick Cannon-Eminem feud measure up to some of Slim Shady's explosive past dust-ups? RedEye scores them. **RYAN SMITH FOR REDEYE**

FEUD FACTOR



vs. Nick Cannon

In the song "Bagpipes From Baghdad," Shady raps about his alleged romance with Mariah Carey and claims he wants her back. Cannon responded on his blog that Eminem never got to second base with Carey and implied he'd be willing to fight the rapper.

Loser: Cannon. Man up, Mr. Carey.

FEUD FACTOR



vs. Moby vs. Triumph

After Moby decried Eminem's lyrics as homophobic and misogynist in 2002, Em responded with a line in "Without Me" that refers to Moby as a "36-year-old bald-headed [bleep]." When Triumph the Insult Comic Dog tried to discuss the feud with the rapper at the MTV Music Awards, Eminem angrily shoved the puppet.

Loser: Eminem, who was booed by the crowd after the Triumph incident.

FEUD FACTOR



vs. Mickey Rooney

Rooney took offense to lyrics in a 2006 song that referenced the octogenarian's eight marriages. The Hollywood legend called Em a degenerate rabble-rouser. Slim Shady shot back by calling Rooney an old babbling [bleep].

Loser: Eminem. There's no honor in fighting with a man who has golf pants older than you.

FEUD FACTOR



vs. Christina Aguilera

After Eminem rapped in 2000's "The Real Slim Shady" that Aguilera had sexual encounters with Carson Daly and Fred Durst, Xtina fired back with a parody song called "Will the Real Slim Shady Please Shut Up."

Loser: Push. It could be argued that the real loser was the art of songwriting.

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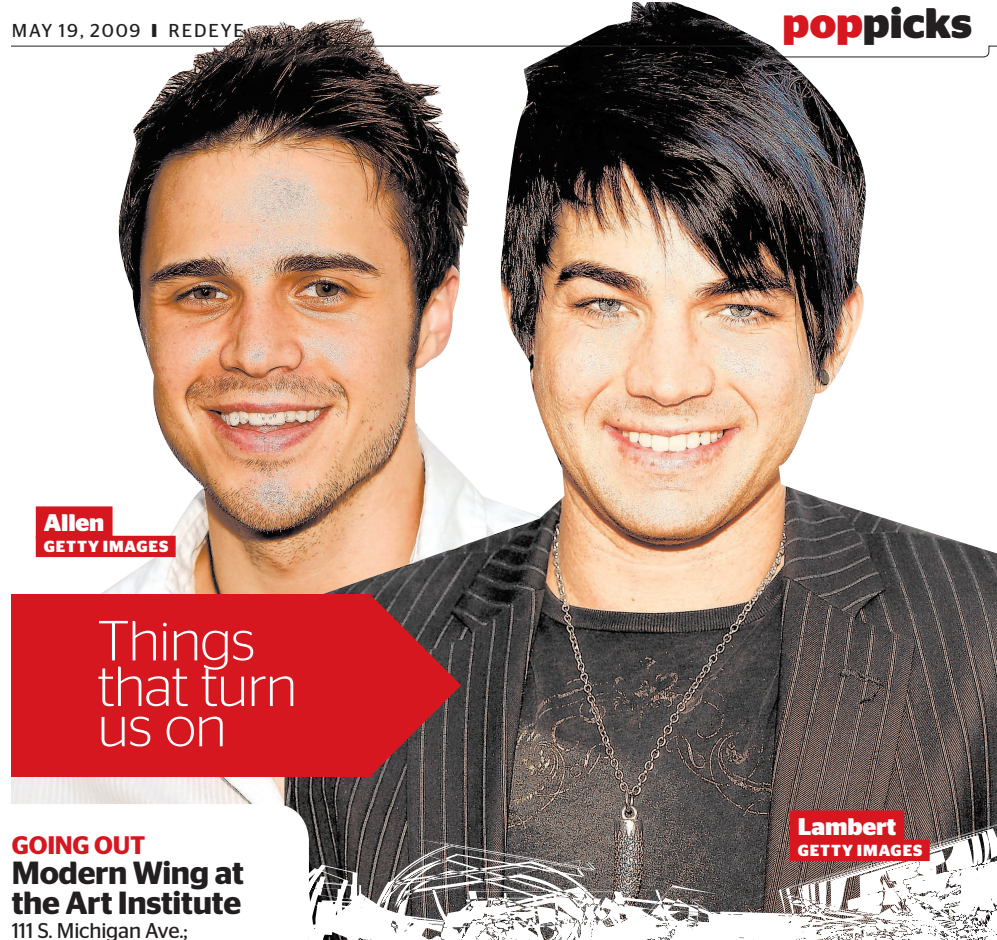
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JIM WALSH, REDEYE

TV 'American Idol'

7 p.m. Tuesday, Fox
America couldn't have voted two more opposite artists into the finale than Adam Lambert and Kris Allen, who will sing three songs each on Tuesday.

Lambert, the sexually ambiguous rocker, made judge Kara DioGuardi feel "confused and sort of happy" with his Middle Eastern-tinged rendition of "Ring of Fire," melted Paula Abdul into a "pool of Abdul" with his version of "If I Can't Have You," and brought Simon Cowell to his feet with "Mad World."

Allen has surprised many, including himself, by making it to the finale. The handsome guitar-player shocked the "Idol" world during movie week when he actually sang a song from this decade—and nailed it. His "Falling Slowly" brought tears and cheers, made DioGuardi and Abdul swoon, and pushed him from simple heartthrob to contender.

Forget the David vs. Goliath comparisons. Kris vs. Adam should be one awesome, equally matched duel—and event TV.

CURT WAGNER, REDEYE

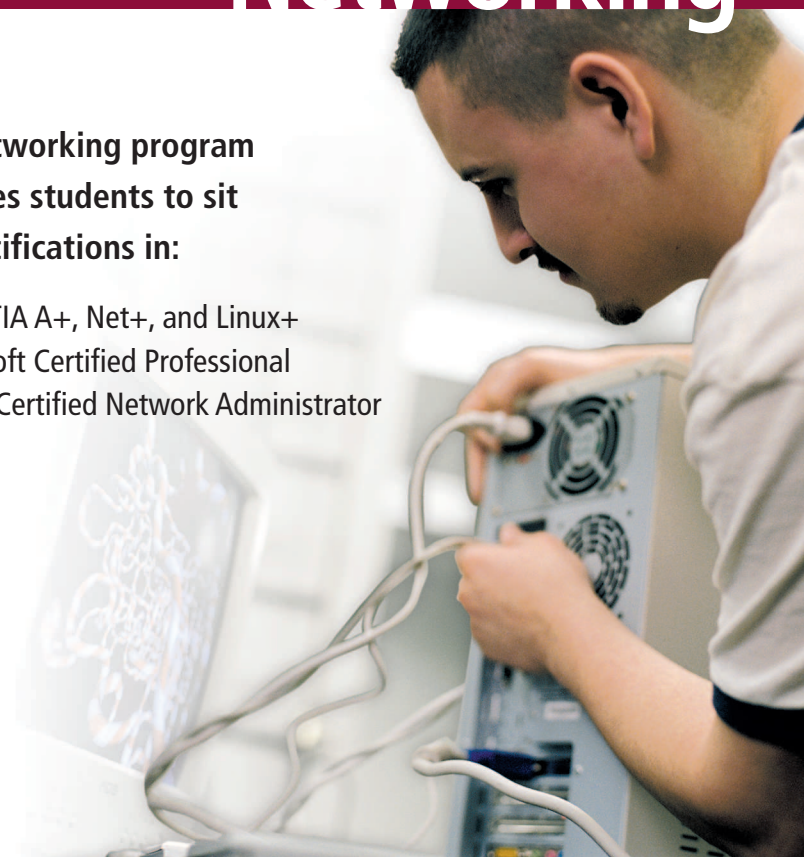
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Dear Jane

'Glee' star chats with RedEye

Jane Lynch is stoked about playing a baddie in "Glee."

"It's great; I get to be just so mean," she told RedEye's Show Patrol blogger Curt Wagner in a recent interview.

The Chicago acting vet, who went to high school in south suburban Dolton, plays Sue, coach of the Cheerios cheerleading squad, in the Fox comedy that gets a preview airing Tuesday after "American Idol." Her character's main objective? To destroy the glee club as they start to take on prominence and take money away from the budget of the Cheerios.

Lynch also is appearing in two summer movies—"Julie and Julia" starring Amy Adams and Meryl Streep, and "Post Grad" with Michael Keaton and Carol Burnett. Oh, and she's also trying to figure out whether she'll be appearing in more eps of the Starz comedy "Party Down." (It depends on whether her schedule will allow it.)

So where else have you seen Lynch? She's been in boatloads of TV shows and movies over the years. Show Patrol asked Lynch to describe the characters she's played in the past.



Sue
"Glee," 2009
» Ruthless.

'Glee'
8 p.m. (or so)
Tuesday, Fox



I haven't been this excited about a TV show since "Viva Laughlin" was canceled—thankfully. "Glee" is not like that musical bomb in any way. The show's high school freak and geeks break into song only when they perform or rehearse after a teacher decides to re-energize the failing glee club. Dreamt up by Ryan Murphy, "Glee" isn't "High School Musical." It's as subversive as Murphy's "Nip/Tuck," as bitchy as "Mean Girls" and as funny as anything on TV. Besides, how can you refuse to watch a show that will make you actually want to listen to Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'?"
CURT WAGNER,
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Constance Carmell
"Party Down," 2009
» Soft cotton place.



Dr. Linda Freeman
"Two and a Half Men," 2004-09
» [B.S.] detector.



Joyce Wischnia
"The L Word," 2005-09
» I'm awesome.



Gayle Sweeny
"Role Models," 2008
» B.S. detector.



Victoria Ratchford
"Lovespring International," 2006
» Overwhelmed, put upon.



Paula
"The 40 Year Old Virgin," 2005
» Deluded.



Laurie Bohner
"A Mighty Wind," 2003
» Self-contained.



Christy Cummings
"Best in Show," 2000
» Blind ambition.



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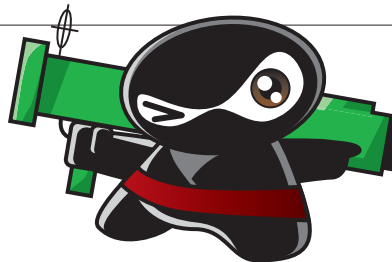
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Baring it all

Mary-Louise Parker is opening up about taking it off on "Weeds"—and she's "bitter." "I didn't think I needed to be naked, and I fought with the director about it. ... I knew it was going to be on the Internet ..." she tells *More* magazine for its June issue about a nude bathtub scene for the Showtime series.

But don't think the actress is shy. She tells the mag she "likes danger in general. ... I like to reveal myself, and I like things that are psychologically dangerous."

Mary-Louise Parker bared it all before, in this photo used to advertise the third season of "Weeds." She told AP Radio News that the snake was real but she had no problem during the photo shoot. **SHOWTIME FILE**



'Chuck' shocker

Vik Sahay (left) was "blown away" by reports that his NBC comedy, "Chuck," has been renewed for another season. "I'm so thrilled that I get to go back and torment that cast and crew for another year," Sahay, who plays nerdy Lester on the NBC comedy, told *RedEye* on Monday.

May 31

That's when a "New Moon" clip will premiere on TV—during the 2009 MTV Movie Awards. OMG!

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Nixon and Marinoni **GETTY IMAGES FILE**

Report: Nixon engaged

Sounds like Cynthia Nixon is taking the next step toward tying the knot. The "Sex and the City" star said she's engaged to girlfriend Christine Marinoni on Sunday at a gay marriage rally, reports "Access Hollywood," citing a source. There was no official word from Nixon, who has been dating Marinoni since 2003.



Patti Blagojevich

was barred from traveling to Costa Rica to be on the NBC show. But you'll have to wait to set your TiVo: Patti Blagojevich hasn't reached a deal with NBC yet, the *Tribune* reports.

Blagojevich TV?

Is a Blagojevich heading to reality TV after all? An attorney says the wife of ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich is considering being on "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here" after her indicted husband



Ferrell

June 1, NBC announced Monday. O'Brien's first musical guest? Pearl Jam.

Circle of 'Conan'

Will Ferrell, who appeared on the final episode of Conan O'Brien's "Late Night" in February, is helping the Red-Headed One kick off "The Tonight Show" when O'Brien takes over for Jay Leno as host



LaBeouf

Mamma's boy

Shia LaBeouf's ideal woman? His mom. "Probably the sexiest woman I know is my mother," he says in *Playboy's* June issue. "Nobody looks like that woman. If I could meet my mother and marry

her, I would. I would be with my mother now, if she weren't my mother, as sick as that sounds." Umm ... yeah.